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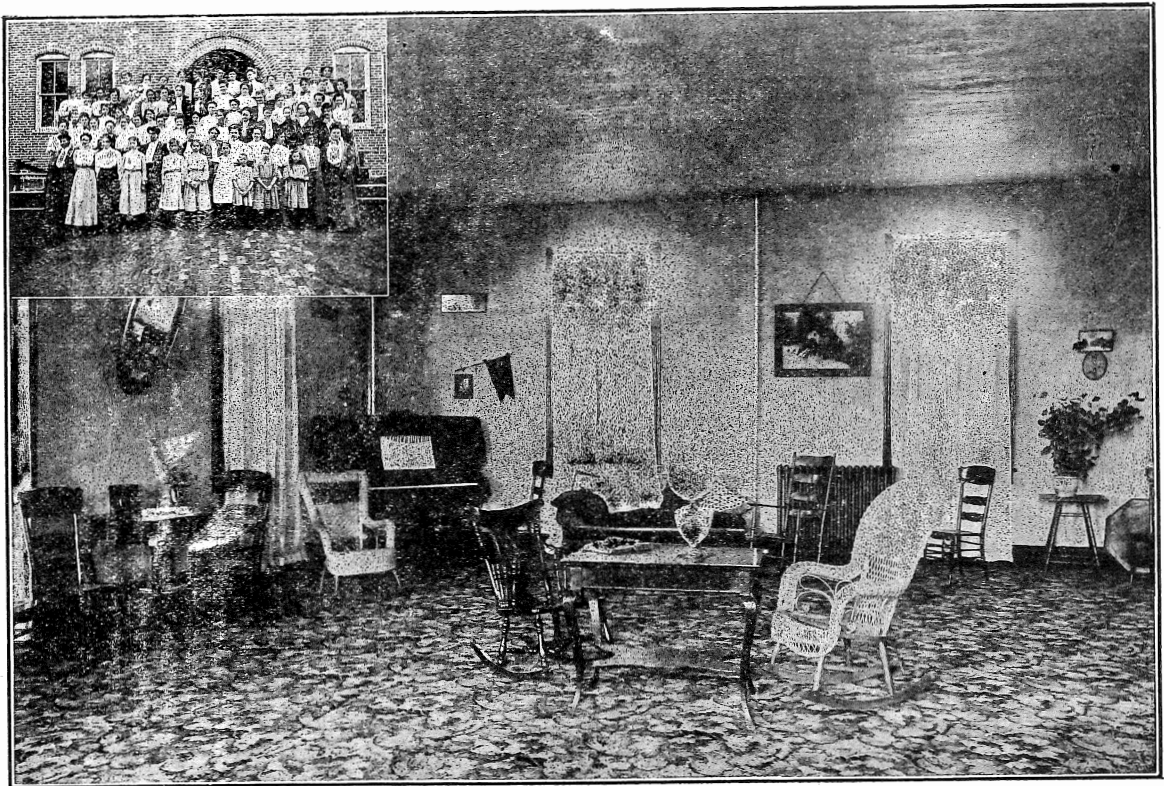
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Ladies' Parlor, on First Floor of Ladies' Dormitory, Bridgewater College.

The above is a cut made from a photograph of the Ladies' Parlor. The parlor occupies almost half of the floor space on the first floor of the Ladies' Dormitory. It is therefore an unusually large room to be devoted to such a purpose. The room is nicely carpeted and otherwise furnished. During the present vacation it will be papered and a great deal of additional suitable furniture will be added. This has already been purchased. These additions to the parlor are being made largely through the efforts of Mrs. George Flory, who has succeeded in interesting various friends of the College in the matter. It will certainly be one of the most delightful rooms to be found anywhere when the furnishing is complete.

The Faculty for Next Session.

The Faculty for the next session remains for the most part as it was the last. It is the policy of the College to keep a good teacher when it gets one; but we are not always able to do this, for there will constantly be conditions that bring about changes. Next year Professor John C. Myers, who has served the College so well for a number of years as Professor of Mathematics and Chemistry, will not be with us. While Professor Myers has been eminently successful as a teacher, he has decided to give up teaching as a profession and henceforth engage in business, for which he is eminently qualified and in which line there seems to await him flattering success. He has taken charge of his father's large farm near Broadway. His department next session will be in charge of Professor Hershey, a teacher of large experience and highly spoken of as an able man in every way. Professor Hershey is a graduate of one of the State Normal Schools of Pennsylvania and also of Pennsylvania College. He later continued his studies in the graduate school of Harvard University.

Professor C. W. Roller, who has been absent on a leave during the past session, will return to College at the opening of the first term. During the past year Professor Roller has been at Oberlin College continuing his studies in music. During the summer he will travel for a lyceum bureau and has a very lucrative position indeed.

Miss Grace Berlin, who has been our efficient piano instructor for several years, will not be with us next year. Miss Berlin's work with us has been eminently satisfactory and we regret very much that she should decide not to return to us next session. Her place will be taken by Miss Thornell, of Iowa, who has been a student of music for many years under the tuition of the very best instructors in various leading institutions of learning. The College considers itself very fortunate to secure the services of Miss Zula Gochenour, a graduate of our Music Department and a student of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, as a member of the Music Faculty next year. Miss Zula's intelligence and ability as a musician is well known about Bridgewater. Miss Laura Emswiler will not return next year. She will likely give up the profession of teaching, although she is a most successful teacher and a singer of rare ability. Her stay with us has been entirely pleasant and it is with regrets that we lose her services.

A new professor will be added next session to the College Faculty. The Bible Department has as yet had no professor in charge, and the growth of the department and the general stimulated condition of Bible

study has demanded that this move be made. The recent increase in the endowment funds of the institution has made this new professorship possible. Prof. T. S. Moherman, of Ashland, Ohio, formerly head of the Bible Department in Manchester College, will take charge of the work. Professor Moherman is well and favorably known in this section. He has had large experience, both as a preacher and as a teacher of the Bible. We look forward with eagerness to Professor Moherman's coming to us, and we are sure that the Churches will rally to his support and assistance in making the Bible Department the means of a new religious inspiration throughout the district.



The Graduating Class.

The class of 1908 was the largest in the history of the College. Thirty-two young men and women were graduated in the different courses. Four young men and one young lady received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Seventeen graduated with the degree of Bachelor of English. The rest received diplomas from the Music, Bible, and Commercial courses respectively. The class is not only unusual in size but also in strength. The College expects of them great things in the future. A number of them will continue their education in professional schools. In the years to come the class will have representatives in almost all honorable lines of activity in life. Some will study medicine to practice at home. Others will be medical missionaries in foreign lands. Some will be preachers and missionaries at home and abroad. Others will teach. Some will return to the farm from whence they came and be useful men and women in the community, both in its business and religious life. We do not anticipate a single failure in all the class of 1908. We think that each one has in him not only the possibilities of success but of extraordinary success. The class is also remarkable in its interest in its Alma Mater. No class before in the history of the College has displayed so large a solicitude for the future welfare of the college. All who are acquainted with the Class of 1908 await with impatient interest the coming of the future years that certainly have in store for many members of the class the very richest reward for excellence and nobility in the performance of many a difficult and important task. The entire class has always shown an unusual power to do hard work and to do it well. They have entertained a most respectful attitude toward their teachers and toward the institution during their entire course of study. The College is justly proud of the class and will delight in every victory won in the future by its members.

The Alumni Association Chartered.

The Alumni Association has been showing a splendid activity since its organization in 1899. Since its beginning the number of members has been constantly growing so that now it has assumed large and influential proportions. From time to time it has collected considerable money and endowment notes to be used in the advancement of the College in various ways. The need of a better organization and increased facilities for the handling of funds has been felt for some time. During the past year steps were taken to secure a charter and to incorporate the body. The charter was secured without difficulty and now the body is incorporated and can conduct business and control funds as any other such incorporated institution.

We think that this is an important movement for it places into the hands of the Alumni an opportunity that they have not had before. Of course the sole purpose of the Association is to use every effort to promote the growth of the College and to aid in every way possible the advancement of the cause of education. In the Alumni Association are leading business and professional men from various parts of the country. To place in the hands of these men the opportunity to employ their experience and business ability in behalf of College and the cause of education is certainly a very important step in the right direction. It is moreover the introduction of an element into the vital life of the institution that does things from a business point of view and not purely from an academic one which, perhaps, too often is characteristic of institutions of learning, even in their business relations.

The leading Alumni seem to have a number of good things up their sleeves. They have not told us yet just what these things are, but we think we have learned enough to be looking for some very important movements in the near future that will vitally affect the hope of the institution. It seems that there are some things that only the Alumni can do and it is the general belief that they are not going to hesitate to do them.



The Alumni Banquet.

The Annual Banquet of the Alumni Association was held in the Gymnasium on the evening of June 1st. About one hundred and fifteen were present, and it was conceded to have been one the most delightful events of its kind yet held by the Alumni.

Mr. George W. Flory was toast master and he passed by no opportunity to make the occasion delightful and pleasant. After the refreshments had been

served a number of excellent after-dinner speeches were given by various Alumni. Mr. W. B. Norris, Instructor in English in the U. S. Naval Academy, had for his subject the "Small College" and pointed out many advantages that the small college enjoys that are peculiar to itself. Professor George B. Holsinger gave an interesting talk on the College twenty-five years ago. Mr. W. T. Myers, Instructor in Latin at the University of Virginia, talked in a most effective way on, "How to hold the Interest of the Alumni in the College." Mr. W. C. Hoover gave a talk in his usual interesting manner on the "Activity of the Alumni Association." Pres. Yount had for his subject the "College." A fine selection of music was rendered by a quartette composed of Alumni. Mr. J. A. Garber, of Washington, D. C., gave a most inspiring talk of a general nature, speaking especially of the important strides that the College has made in recent years. Dr. R. E. L. Strickler delighted those present with his speech on "How the Alumni can assist the College." Mr. Harry M. Strickler, an attorney of Alexandria, Va., made the humorous hit of the occasion in his observations on the other speakers who had preceded him. Mr. W. A. Byrley gave vent to his enthusiastic interest in the Association and the College in a most interesting and splendid speech at the close of the program. Mr. F. J. Wampler, as representative of the Class, gave a talk on the "Class of 1908." It would be interesting to report in full the speech of each but space does not permit. All present retired with the feeling that it had been one of the most delightful and helpful functions of the Commencement week.



Some Valuable Gifts From India.

Through the generosity of Rev. and Mrs. I. S. Long of India, we have gotten during the past year a number of interesting gifts from India. The gifts are such as to show chiefly the social, economic and religious conditions of the Indian people. Rev. and Mrs. Long also sent a number of trinkets to be sold and the proceeds to be devoted to starting a fund for the erection of a chapel on the campus. While the amount secured is not large yet it is a start toward a much needed addition to the College. Our present chapel is far too small to serve its purpose and it seems almost an inexcusable negligence that, while we pose as an institution especially emphasizing the value of Christian education, we fail to supply so important an adjunct to religious service as a suitable place for worship. Let us take the hint that comes to us from far off India and supply the much needed chapel.

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The next session will open September 1st.

Mr. Grover C. Dovel is Secretary to the President of the College during the summer.

Professor and Mrs. Coffman are spending their vacation on the farm near Good's Mill.

Miss Grace Berlin has gone to Roanoke to assist Professor Hildebrand in a music normal.

Miss Maggie Englar, of Maryland, a former student of the College, was with us during Commencement.

Dr. John S. Flory has been engaged to teach in the State Normal at Fredericksburg during the month of July.

Mr. Milton Shaver, of Mt. Sidney, attended the Alumni Banquet. Mr. Shaver is a prominent member of the Board of Trustees.

The Commencement of 1908 was very largely attended. An unusually large number of visitors were present from a distance.

Miss Sylvia Burns, of Bath County, will return to the College next session. She takes Miss Hedding's place who will not be with us next year.

We were glad to welcome Miss Edna Miller again on the campus. Miss Edna now has a splendid position with the Government in Washington City.

Dr. Bicknell will spend his vacation in Providence, R. I. As usual he will likely spend some time at the sea shore boating and sailing, his favorite recreation.

Dr. J. S. Flory has gone to Des Moines, Iowa, as a delegate to the Annual Conference. He expects to visit friends in the west sometime before his return to Virginia.

Mr. H. M. Strickler, a rising attorney of Alexandria, visited Bridgewater and renewed old acquaintances during Commencement. Harry has an abiding interest in his Alma Mater.

Before leaving a large number of students engaged their rooms for the next session. Preference is always given in order of application and no difference is made in the price of the rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hoover, of Timberville, Va., attended the graduating exercises of their son, Ernest. Mr. Hoover is one of the Directors of the newly chartered Alumni Association.

Mr. S. V. Strickler was a student in the Dental Department of the University of Maryland last session. He was present during the commencement exercises. He reports a successful year in his professional studies.

Dr. E. R. Miller and wife attended the Alumni meetings on Monday of Commencement week. Dr. Miller is an enthusiastic member of the Alumni Association. He enjoys a large practice as a specialist in Harrisonburg.

The commencement exercises were all well attended. The weather throughout the entire time was ideal. All the programs were given the very best of attention. An unusually large number of visitors was present from a distance.

Mr. W. C. Hoover, of Timberville, Va., the President of the Alumni Association, was a well known visitor during Commencement. Mr. Hoover has the unusual ability of making himself conspicuous wherever he goes. No such thing as hiding his light under a bushel.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Cline, of Stuarts Draft, were present during the closing exercises. Their daughter, Miss Alda, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is the first woman to get this degree from the College. We hope that she will prove an inspiration to many others to do likewise.

Professor T. S. Moherman, of Ohio, who expects to take charge of the Bible Department in the College next session visited us about the time of the District Conference. Professor Moherman seems to possess all the qualities that will tend to make him a most valuable addition to the Faculty and the community as well.

Mr. J. A. Garber, of Washington, D. C., visited his Alma Mater during Commencement. Mr. Garber was the Alumni orator and his speech was a very able one. He is a gifted speaker and he held the perfect attention of his audience throughout. He now holds a very lucrative position with the Government.

A step has been taken since the close of the session that seems to bid fair toward the erection of a new gentlemen's dormitory in the near future. The dormitory is now one of our most pressing needs and it is to be hoped that the plan will work successfully. Let every one put a shoulder to the wheel and make it work.

Mr. B. F. Sink, who was a student in the Music Department year before last and who has been teaching music for the past year most successfully will return to College next session to continue his studies.

Mr. W. A. Byrely was elected President of the Alumni Association at the business meeting of June 1st. Mr. Byrely is a very successful business man and it is expected that he will carry with him the same enthusiasm in his relations to the Alumni Association that is so characteristic of his business dealings.

The prospects of the College have never been brighter. The outlook for students is certainly good. The ability to take care of the students who come to us is improving each year. The equipment of the College has more than doubled in five years. Can we do as well in the next five? If we do our position is fixed for the present at least.

Dr. J. S. Flory and Professor John C. Myers received the degree of Master of Arts from this College at the recent Commencement. This degree is not honorary in any sense. Both gentlemen had doubly fulfilled the regular requirements as they are layed down in the catalogue. This is the first time in the history of the College that such degrees have been conferred.

We are glad to know that Mr. J. F. Niswander, a student of the College for three years some ten years ago, has not forgotten his Alma Mater. It is his intention to visit Bridgewater in the near future. Mr. Niswander has achieved noble success since his leaving College. He is president of Malaga Packing Company, Malaga, California, and is recognized as a man of splendid business capacity. He is now visiting the large cities in the east in the interest of his firm.

Professor Cline, while examining some excavations being made for the electric light plant at Berlingtown recently found the fossil remains of an orthoceratite of unusual size. The specimen is perhaps as large as any yet discovered. Unfortunately the whole animal was not preserved, only a section about one foot long being fossilized. This section is about nine inches in diameter. The original animal must have been ten or fifteen feet in length. The orthoceratite has been extinct for many geological ages. The nearest living ally is the chambered nautilus. The orthoceratite was a mollusk having an uncoiled shell. The coiled shell, as found in the case of snails, is a later development. The orthoceratite was at one time in the earth's history the most powerful animal in the seas and certainly of the greatest size. The rocks in which the animal was discovered belong to the Ordovician age and the Trenton period. In the same rocks have also been found some trilobites of large size and numerous other fossils of great scientific interest.

The Gymnasium.

The Gymnasium which was erected during the past session is now complete with the exception of the inside fixtures. In spite of the serious accident that befell the building when it was half complete it seems none the worse off. Even the closest observer cannot detect a single mark of the storm that partially demolished the walls. The building is one of the most handsome on the grounds and is a very important addition to the equipment of the College. It is the purpose to equip the building as far as possible during the summer so that systematic exercises may be begun in the early part of next session under a competent instructor. It is also the purpose to secure folding seats so that the large floor space can be used as an auditorium on special occasions. The building is almost an ideal one for such purposes. This will relieve the congested condition of the chapel until a new chapel can be secured.



The Bridgewater-Juniata Debate.

On April 19th in the College Chapel the first inter-collegiate debate between Bridgewater and Juniata was held. In spite of the fact that the admission fee had been placed at fifty cents the room was filled. The question, should the United States government establish and maintain a central national bank? was affirmed by Bridgewater and denied by Juniata. Both sides were ably discussed and in the minds of many it was a close struggle. The Juniata team is an exceptionally strong one and has won at least seven debates consecutively. Although Juniata defeated us in this first attempt yet we liked the debate and the Juniata team. We hope to have other debates in the future.



Professor M. A. Good, who has been principal of the Bridgewater High School for several sessions and who was formerly in the service of the College in the capacity of solicitor and also instructor, has accepted a position in Elizabethtown College. We regret very much to have Professor Good leave us. During his principalship the High School has been enjoying a period of splendid prosperity. Professor Good is also a leading Sunday School worker and he will also be much missed in his church and Sunday School work. We hope, however, that he will prove an equally valuable member of the community to which he goes. He expects to move with his family in August.

A Retrospect.

The session of 1907-08 is now a matter of history. In many respects the past session has been one of the most remarkable in the history of the College. The average number in attendance for the entire session has been unusually large. The advancement of the College in material things has been greater than in any other session. The endowment of the institution has been increased considerably and many important additions have been made to the college in equipment. A large gymnasium has been erected on the campus which gives us one of the best buildings of its kind in the state. The Alumni Association has made some very important moves which will certainly be very far reaching in the future development of the College. The general spirit of the session has been one of looking for larger and better things. This spirit has emphasized very much some needs that have long been pressing themselves upon us. The marvelous interest in education that is now so characteristic of the people of Rockingham and adjoining counties is taking on such a form that it will patronize the best only, and this condition has reaped for the College richer fruits during the past session than in any other in the history of the institution. There has sprung up not only a desire for the best but, which is more important, a determination to have the best and to have it at their doors.

Errors have been made of course and we hope they may prove to be valuable lessons for the future. Failures have likewise occurred, as in all undertakings; but on this account we are not discouraged. We have not been able to help all students as much as we would have liked. We will always have disappointments of this sort. We are exceedingly thankful, however, for the very large percentage of students that come to us with a noble determination to make the very best of the opportunity and to grow into positions of usefulness. Every student of the past session has a warm spot in the hearts of all members of the faculty and trustees who are constantly praying for the abiding happiness and success of each.



Dr. A. B. Bicknell was suddenly called to his home in Providence, R. I., just before examination because of the sudden death of his father. He was absent about one week and returned in time to hold the regular examinations in his courses. His father's death was very unexpected as he was a comparatively young man and in seemingly good health. College Life and his many friends about Bridgewater extend to him the most sincere sympathy.

Professor J. H. Cline on Leave of Absence.

A leave of absence for one year has been granted to Professor J. H. Cline to continue his graduate work in Geology at Northwestern University, Chicago. Two years ago Professor Cline was in attendance at Northwestern, and the grade of the work he did is shown by the fact that last spring he was appointed to one of the six fellowships in the Graduate school of Northwestern to be filled each year. In an institution of nearly five thousand students with numerous applicants from all over the United States, it is no little honor to receive one of the six appointments.

The appointment will afford Professor Cline the best possible opportunity to carry forward the work in his special line under the most favorable conditions. He will be able to complete next year all the work offered in Northwestern in Geology, and will be able to do all the other resident work required for the M. A. degree. The fellowship carries with it a handsome compensation, which will support the Professor and his family very comfortably during the session, besides admitting him into the inner circles of University methods and privileges, which will be of incalculable value to him in his future work.

We shall miss him greatly during the coming session, but we feel that his work here has been very satisfactorily arranged for, and so we gladly submit to his absence for a year in consideration of the advantages it will bring him and of his increased power and usefulness when he returns.



A History of the Brethern in Virginia.

A book bearing the above title has just come from the press. Its author, Eld. D. H. Zigler, is a prominent member of the Board of Trustees and well known in many sections of the Valley. The book contains 278 pages and numerous fitting illustrations. The introduction is by Dr. John S. Flory. The work treats of the activities and growth of the Brethren in Virginia and contains a great deal of interesting history hitherto unpublished. It is exceedingly well written and the general makeup is excellent. We consider it a most important addition to our literature and it should have a wide circulation in the Valley. Those in other states who have sprung from Valley families will also find the work of equal interest. That part of the work dealing with the Brethren during the Civil War is especially interesting, as well as that dealing with the subject of slavery. Other features of the book are the organization of the districts and congregations, the early migrations, biographies of prominent men and the history of the present activities of the church. The work may be secured from the author at Broadway, Va.

Dr. John S. Flory's new work on the Literary Activity of the Brethren in the eighteenth Century is just from the press. The book is said to be a masterpiece of research and investigation. The Doctor has spared no time or labor in the preparation of the book and it promises to be well received. The work was accepted by the University of Virginia as fulfilling the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Since this acceptance numerous important additions have been made and the size of the work much increased. In a later issue we hope to be able to review the book in more detail.

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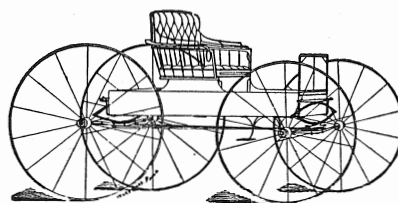
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